1.jpg

DYNAMITE™
SUGGESTED FOR MATURE READERS

Garth Ennis Darick Robertson

The BOYS™

TEN

DYNAMITEENTERTAINMENT.COM

7 25130 07998 5
$2.99

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

2.jpg

Garth Ennis Darick Robertson

The BOYS™

TEN

In a world where costumed heroes soar through the sky and masked vigilantes prowl the night, someone's got to make sure the "supes" don't get out of line. And someone will.

Billy Butcher, Wee Hughie, Mother's Milk, The Frenchman and The Female are The Boys: a CIA-backed team of very dangerous people, each one dedicated to the struggle against the most dangerous force on Earth- superpower. Some superheroes have to be watched. Some have to be controlled. And some of them- sometimes- need to be taken out of the picture.

That's when you call in **The Boys**.

Written by:
GARTH ENNIS

Colored by:
TONY AVIÑA

Illustrated by:
DARICK ROBERTSON

Cover by:
ROBERTSON & AVIÑA

Lettered by:
SIMON BOWLAND

The Boys Created By:
ENNIS & ROBERTSON

DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT

FOR DYNAMTE ENTERTAINMENT

NICK BARRUCCI • PRESIDENT
JUAN COLLADO • CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
JOSEPH RYBANDT • DIRECTOR OF MARKETING
JOSH JOHNSON • CREATIVE DIRECTOR
JASON ULLMEYER • GRAPHIC DESIGNER

COMIC SHOP LOCATOR SERVICE
888-COMIC-BOOK
comicshoplocator.com

THE BOYS, VOLUME 1 #10. First printing. Published by Dynamite Entertainment, 155 Ninth Avenue, Suite B, Runnemede, NJ 08078.

Copyright © 2007 Spitfire Productions Ltd. and Darick Robertson. All Rights Reserved. THE BOYS, all characters, the distinctive likenesses thereof and all related elements are trademarks of Spitfire Productions, Ltd. and Darick Robertson. DYNAMITE, DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT and its logo are ™ & © 2007 DFI. All names, characters, events, and locales in this publication are entirely fictional. Any resemblance to actual persons (living or dead), events or places, without satiric intent, is coincidental. No portion of this book may be reproduced by any means (digital or print) without the written permission of Dynamite Entertainment except for review purposes.

For information regarding promotions, licensing and advertising please email:
marketing@dynamiteentertainment.com

Printed in Canada.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

WELL.

YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP. VERY ENLIGHTENIN'. WE CAN FIND OUR OWN WAY OUT, BUT YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY, DON'T YOU?

SO, UH, THANKS AGAIN.

FUCKMONGER.

IT'S TEK-KNIGHT...

NEW YORK POST 50¢

METRO EDITION

OMO HERO

illionaire Socialite

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE TEK-KNIGHT.

AREN'T I?

WOOO

OH, SHIT--

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

4.jpg

SO HIM AN' SWINGWING, THEY HAVE THIS THREESOME WITH THE TALON, AN' AFTERWARDS THEY FALL OUT OVER HER AN' THEY'VE BEEN AT DAGGERS DRAWN EVER SINCE...

AN' THEN...

THEN...

FUCK, I DUNNO. I AM ABSOLUTELY BLOODY STUMPED ON THIS ONE, I'LL TELL YOU THAT FOR NOTHIN'.

I MEAN IT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY TEK-KNIGHT'S STARTED RIDIN' THE ARSE OFF EVERYTHING HE CAN GET HIS HANDS ON, BUT I DON'T THINK BEIN' AT ONE END OF A SPIT-ROAST'S ENOUGH TO DO THAT TO YOU...

DOESN'T MATTER.

AN' I SUPPOSE IT PROVES SWINGWING'S NOT--WELL, NOT COMPLETELY BENT, BUT THAT DOESN'T FIT WITH HIM PISSIN' ABOUT WITH THE RUBENSTEIN LAD...

DOESN'T MATTER.

LOOK...PEOPLE LOVE TO BRAND PARTICULAR PEOPLE GAY--THAT GUY'S SO OBVIOUSLY GAY, HE SHOULD JUST ADMIT IT AN' MOVE ON, BLAH-BLAH-BLAH, WHATEVER. BUT ALL THEY'RE TRYNNA DO'S LOOK SMARTER'N THEY ACTUALLY ARE, IT'S NOT ***REALLY*** ANYMORE INTELLIGENT THAN WEE KIDS CALLIN' EACH OTHER FRUITS IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

AN' THAT'S WHAT ***WE'VE*** DONE WI' SWINGWING. WE'RE SO BUSY TRYNNA WORK OUT WHETHER HE'S INTO GIRLS OR BOYS, WE HAVEN'T STOPPED TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT'S GOT ***ANYTHIN' AT ALL*** TO DO WI' HIS ***MOTIVE...***

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

5.jpg

WE DID THE SAME WI' TEK-KNIGHT, TOO. WE SAW THAT HEADLINE AN' WE THOUGHT, RIGHT, THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHIN'...

YEAH, BUT NO ONE WOULD'VE GUESSED WHAT THAT WAS REALLY ALL ABOUT IN A MILLION FUCKIN' YEARS, HUGHIE.

YOU SAID MOTIVE.

SO YOU THINK SWINGWING KILLED STEPHEN RUBENSTEIN.

I...

I THINK IT'S TIME WE FINALLY *MET* THE CUNT.

NOT A PROBLEM, NOW WE'VE GOT HIS BLOODY ADDRESS AT LONG LAST.

GIVE US A LOOK?

GAME AFOOT, IS IT?

AYE, IT IS.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

6.jpg

GET SOME

conclusion

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

7.jpg

WHO ARE YOU--

AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY APARTMENT?

WHAT HAPPENED WI' YOU AN' STEPHEN RUBENSTEIN?

I ASKED WHO YOU ARE.

ARE YOU THE POLICE? BECAUSE IF YOU ARE, I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME I.D. RIGHT AWAY.

FUCK, HE'S A COOL ONE, ISN'T HE, HUGHIE?

THE OL' TEK-KNIGHT, HE WENT TO BLOODY BITS ON THE SPOT, BLABBED EVERYTHING HE KNEW--BUT NOT THIS BLOKE...

STEPHEN KNEW WHERE YOU CHANGE OUTTA YOUR SUIT AFTER THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS. EITHER HE WAS WAITIN' FOR YOU THERE OR HE FOLLOWED YOU BACK HERE: WHAT HAPPENED THEN?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHO STEPHEN IS, OR ABOUT THOSE OTHER NAMES YOU MENTIONED--IF THEY ARE NAMES. NOW EITHER SHOW ME SOME I.D. OR LEAVE, BECAUSE I'M ABOUT TO CALL--

LISTEN, YOU BASTARD--!

SIX MONTHS AGO, THAT BOY WAS FOUND LYIN' DEAD ON THE FUCKIN' STREET. D'YOU KNOW THE LOOK HE HAD ON HIS FACE? MISERY. NOT PANIC--NOT FEAR-- *MISERY.*

NOW YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT, OR I PROMISE YOU: I WILL FUCKIN' *BEAT* THE TRUTH OUTTA YOU, SO HELP ME *GOD...!*

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

8.jpg

HUUHH!

JESUS--!

WELL DON'T JUST STAND THERE, FUCKIN' GET *AFTER HIM!*

GOIN' FOR THE ROOF!

I'LL GO UP THE FIRE ESCAPE AN' CUT HIM OFF.

HUGHIE, THE LADDER'S FUCKED, MATE! YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO TAKE HIM BY YOURSELF!

NO!!

YAAH--

KEEP CLOSED

FUCK!

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

9.jpg

AAAAAH--!
HUGHIE?
I--I--I CAN'T HIT HIM--
HE'S NOT A REAL SUPE, IF I HIT HIM I MIGHT FUCKIN' KILL HIM!
HUGHIE, DON'T BE A CUNT!
SHIT!
GET THE FUCK OFF ME, YOU--
YOU CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY! YOU'VE GOTTA HIT HIM! HIT HIM!
HUGHIE, FUCKIN' TWAT HIM ONE!

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

10.jpg

NICE ONE, MY SON.

STEPHEN RUBENSTEIN, THEN.

ONCE MORE WITH FEELIN'.

...SO HE WAS HIDING ON THE MOTEL ROOF OVER ON NINTH, AND HE POPPED UP WHEN I TOOK THE MASK OFF-- AND, YOU KNOW, AT THAT POINT IT WAS STILL OKAY...

I MEAN IT WAS ANNOYING, BUT HE WASN'T THE FIRST TO FIGURE OUT WHO I AM-- YOU DO WHAT YOU CAN, YOU CHANGE BEFORE YOU COME HOME, BUT...ANYWAY.

SO...

SO, WE TALKED.

AND, SURPRISE-SURPRISE, IT'S JUST THE SAME OLD FUCKING HOMO BULLSHIT.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

"HE'S YOUNG, HE'S ONLY JUST COME OUT, HIS FAMILY DON'T KNOW, YADDA-YADDA.

"WHAT'S REALLY TORMENTING HIM, OF COURSE--AND I MEAN YOU JUST ***KNOW*** THIS LITTLE SHIT'S SUCKED EVERY COCK SOUTH OF THIRTY-SECOND STREET--IS THAT THERE'S ONE GUY HE REALLY WANTS, ***ONE GUY*** HE KNOWS HE CAN BE HAPPY WITH, IF ONLY HE HAD THE COURAGE TO TELL HIM...

"BUT I KNOW THE SHPIEL FROM TALKING TO THEM AT FUDGEPACKERS ANONYMOUS. I CAN PRETTY MUCH DO IT IN MY SLEEP."

STEPHEN, YOU HAVE TO TALK TO HIM. YOU HAVE TO TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL.

BUT I'M SO SCARED HE'LL REJECT ME...

WELL, THEN, SO BE IT. YOU'RE NOT EVEN TWENTY YEARS OLD; I CAN ***GUARANTEE*** IT WON'T BE THE END OF THE WORLD.

BUT YOU CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND TORMENTING YOURSELF, STEPHEN.

ONE WAY OR THE OTHER...YOU HAVE TO MAKE A MOVE.

OKAY?

STEPHEN?

IT'S YOU.

WHAT...?

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

12.jpg

IT'S YOU, YOU'RE THE ONE I-- WAIT, NO, LISTEN--

GET OFF ME! GET OFF!

PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE EVERYTHING I--

JUST GET THE FUCK OFF ME, FAGGOT!

S-S-SWINGWING, PLEASE...!

OFF!!

AN' THEN?

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

13.jpg

LOOK, IT WAS A FUCKING ACCIDENT...I FORGOT I WAS ON THE EDGE OF...YOU KNOW...

HE DID WHAT THESE CUNTS ALWAYS DO. HE FUCKED OFF.

FLEW AWAY.

WHY DID IT FREAK YOU OUT SO MUCH? I MEAN WI' ALL THE TIME YOU SPEND AROUND GAYS--

THAT'S NOT ME, THAT'S *SWINGWING...!*

HE'S GOT THE SUIT AND THE MASK, AND A FUCKING JETPACK SO HE CAN FLY AWAY. HE'S GOT *ARMOR.*

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO TALK TO THEM ANY LONGER THAN HE WANTS TO. I MEAN IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU, IT'S BY THE NUMBERS. IT'S EASY.

BUT...THIS LITTLE ASSHOLE... RIGHT UP CLOSE, LIKE RIGHT IN MY FACE, WITH THIS *TWISTED SHIT* HE'S MANAGED TO COOK UP INSIDE HIS HEAD...

I MEAN DO YOU THINK I *LIKE* HANGING AROUND THOSE FUCKING COCKSUCKERS? IT'S ALL VERY WELL FOR VOUGHT-AMERICAN, FOR THE COMIC-BOOK PEOPLE--YOU KNOW, OH, SWINGWING'S GOING TO BE NICE TO QUEERS. HE'S GOING TO LOOK AFTER *THAT* DEMOGRAPHIC FOR US. BUT NOBODY THINKS TO ASK SWINGWING, DO THEY? AND HE'S THE ONE HAS TO *DO IT*--TALK TO THEM, SMILE AT THEM, SHAKE HANDS WITH THEM, *WITH THOSE FILTHY FUCKING DISEASE-RIDDEN FAGGOT SCUM!!*

BLIMEY, MATE, TELL US HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.

GET UP.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

14.jpg

YOU'RE GONNA CARRY ON BEIN' SWINGWING. FIGHT CRIME, TEAM UP WITH PEOPLE, ALL THAT. PAYBACK ARE PROBABLY GONNA WANNA REPLACE THE TEK-KNIGHT SOON, THAT MIGHT BE YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.
YOU KEEP YOUR EYES AN' EARS OPEN, RIGHT? WE'LL BE IN TOUCH FROM TIME TO TIME, AN' WE'LL EXPECT TO HEAR WHAT'S GOIN' ON AN' WHO'S DOIN' WHAT TO WHO--YOUR SPECIALTY, THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT.
AN' WHEN WE THINK YOU'VE SQUARED YOUR ACCOUNT FOR STEPHEN RUBENSTEIN...

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

OWEN'S DINER
OPEN
CHRIST, I FEEL LIKE I COULD SLEEP FOR A FUCKIN' WEEK...
NOT HUNGRY?
S'POSE NOT.
SURPRISED I LET THE WANKER OFF SO LIGHTLY?
I DON'T THINK YOU DID LET HIM OFF LIGHTLY. I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA MAKE HIS LIFE A LIVIN' HELL, AN' MORE POWER TO YOU: A PART O' ME'S HOPIN' I GET TO TURN A COUPLA THE SCREWS MYSELF.
BUT...NO, I'M NOT SURPRISED. AN' THAT'S THE THING.
IT'S THE WORLD I'M IN NOW, THAT'S WHAT I'M HAVIN' TO REALISE. I MEAN ALL RIGHT, WE SOLVED THE MYSTERY--BUT THERE'S NO *JUSTICE* FOR THAT WEE FELLA, IS THERE?
ALL WE'RE DOIN'S MAKIN' THE FELLA WHO KILLED HIM ANOTHER COG IN OUR MACHINE. WE'RE... GATHERIN' INTELLIGENCE. PLAYIN' THE GAME.
I MEAN LET'S FACE IT: WE ONLY GOT INVOLVED IN THIS 'CAUSE YOU WANTED TO GET UP TO DATE ON THE SUPES, AN' THE *LEGEND* WANTED TO KNOW WHO KILLED HIS SISTER'S GRANDSON. FUCK, HE DIDN'T EVEN CARE THAT MUCH, HE CALLED HIM A LITTLE--
LEGEND HASN'T GOT A SISTER.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

16.jpg

WHAT?

ONLY CHILD. BROKE THE MOLD AFTER THEY MADE THAT ONE, MATE.

THEN--

DUNNO.

I MEAN MAYBE, YOU NEVER KNOW, MAYBE HE READ ABOUT THE BOY GETTIN' KILLED AN' HE HEARD THERE WAS A POSSIBLE SUPE ANGLE. AN' ALL HE COULD THINK ABOUT WAS SOME YOUNG LAD LYIN' DEAD WITH NO ONE TO SPEAK FOR HIM.

MAYBE THE LEGEND'S MORE LIKE YOU THAN YOU THINK: BUT HE DOESN'T WANNA ADMIT IT, SO HE USES NASTY WORDS TO TRY AN' COVER IT UP.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE MIGHT JUST BE A RIGHT BASTARD WHO LIKES TORTURIN' SUPES.

WHO KNOWS?

YOU DONE WELL ON THIS ONE, HUGHIE. YOU FOLLOWED YOUR NOSE, YOU CAUGHT A COUPLA THINGS I MISSED--AN' WE GOT SOME GOOD, SOLID INTEL ON A COUPLA PEOPLE WE BARELY KNEW ABOUT BEFORE.

IT MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE IT NOW, MATE--

BUT THIS WAS A REAL RESULT.

AS A SPECIAL REWARD, I'M GONNA LET YOU PAY FOR BREAKFAST. SO CHEERS.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

IT WAS SWINGWING...

WELL, SO WE, SO WE BELIEVE. I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANNA KNOW.

BUT DIDN'T HE JUST DIE FIGHTING...WHAT WAS IT, IT WAS ON THE NEWS LAST WEEK...?

AYE...I SHOULDN'T REALLY TELL YOU THIS, BUT WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED WAS HIS JETPACK BROKE DOWN IN MID-AIR AN' HE GOT RUN OVER BY THE STATEN ISLAND FERRY. NOBODY'S REALLY SURE HOW IT HAPPENED.

THEY HAVE PEOPLE WHO COVER THIS STUFF UP FOR THEM. THE SUPERHEROES, LIKE.

SO THERE'S NO JUSTICE...

BUT AT LEAST THERE ISN'T A MYSTERY.

WELL.

THANK YOU ANYWAY, CONSTABLE CAMPBELL.

IS THAT *MAX?*

OH, CHRIST, THE FUCKING IDIOT'S BEEN FOLLOWING ME EVERYWHERE...!

HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY'VE KNOWN WHAT SWINGWING WAS REALLY LIKE, PAUL.

NOBODY COULD.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

18.jpg

HMH.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT LOVE STORIES, YOU KNOW?

TWO PEOPLE FINDIN' EACH OTHER.

WHAT?

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

19.jpg

epilogue

I USED TO BE THE TEK-KNIGHT...AND NOW I'M NOBODY.

NOW I'M JUST... JUST...

HEY, LOOK, IT'S THE OWLFUCKER!

NOTHING AT ALL.

GOTTA MOVE!

YEEEOOW!

WHAT THE--?

ELFBOY

OH MY GOD, MY BABY! THANK YOU!

BUT WHAT COULD HAVE--*GOOD LORD!*

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

--EARTH IS CAUGHT IN A METEORITE STORM--

--IMPACTS UP AND DOWN THE EASTERN SEABOARD, RIGHT ACROSS THE CANADIAN SHIELD--

--EVENTS WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN RECORDED--

--THESE ARE JUST ROCKS, THESE ARE NOTHING!

THE BIG ONE IS ON ITS WAY!!

GODDAMN THING'S THE SIZE OF TEXAS--

SHUTTLE'S READY TO GO, BUT--

WHAT CAN IT *DO?* I MEAN WHAT THE HELL DO WE HAVE THAT WE CAN SEND UP THERE?

MISSION CONTROL CENTER

NASDA

WE HAVE DETECTED A CURIOUS ANOMALY ON THE SURFACE, 'ROUND ABOUT HERE: A SMALL, UH, *ORIFICE* LESS THAN AN INCH IN DIAMETER, WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE *ORGANIC MATTER* INSIDE...

BUT WHAT GOOD DOES THAT--

GENTLEMEN?

IF IT'S GOT A HOLE:

I CAN FUCK IT.

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

21.jpg

HOUSTON, I--I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, I'M GETTING A LOT OF BREAK-UP--

BUT I CAN SEE IT.

MY GOD, IT'S HUGE.

HOMING IN ON THE ORIFICE CO-ORDINATES NOW. OKAY, I'VE GOT A LOCK.

RANGE 0.8M

ARMOR MANUALLY RETRACTED. SECTOR SEVEN FRONT

DO YOU WISH TO DEPLOY RELIEF TUBE

TEN SECONDS, HOUSTON.

FIVE.

ONE.

RRRNNNGGGHHHH...!

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

22.jpg

OHHH, YEAH...

THAT'S IT...THAT'S IT, YOU FUCKING SLUT--!

YEAH, YEAH--NICE AND TIGHT, THAT'S WHAT I LIKE--

YOU FEEL THAT, BITCH? YEAH, YOU DO, I FUCKING KNOW YOU DO--!

THAT-- THAT HE BORE HIS CURSE IN SILENCE FOR SO LONG!

HE IS A TRUE HERO...!

OH, YOU'RE GONNA COME, AREN'T YOU? I FUCKED YOU GOOD AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA COME!

DON'T TRY TO HOLD BACK, BABY! COME! YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO! COME!

THAT IS IT, TEK-KNIGHT!

LAY SOME PIPE!

OH MY GOD

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

23.jpg

TEK-KNIGHT?

I KNOW YOU CAN'T HEAR THIS, BUT...WHEREVER YOU ARE NOW, I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW.

"YOU DID IT, TEK-KNIGHT.

"YOU SAVED THE WORLD."

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM

24.jpg

...APPARENTLY THE CORONER FOUND A TUMOR THE SIZE OF SOMEBODY'S *FIST* IN HIS HEAD--I MEAN CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT...?

WHAT, SO THE BLOKE DROPPED THE WHEELBARROW ACTUALLY DID HIM A FAVOR?

ANYWAY, YOU BETTER GET ON WITH LEARNING YOUR IVAN. WE'RE OFF TO MOSCOW TOMORROW.

RUSSIAN PHRASEBOOK

GAULOISES

THE END

Reading Comics online: VIEWCOMIC.COM